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Our ref: ORR/OPS/4.16.2/EUSTON REMODELLING  
Your ref:

Dear 

**INFORMED TRAVELLER (T-12) COMPLIANCE:  
EUSTON - CAMDEN JUNCTION POSSESSIONS**

1. Thank you for your fax of 14 September, and received in this office the same day.
2. In the light of the information provided in your letter, I am satisfied that the requirement for further short notice possessions connected with the Euston Remodelling scheme and their consequential impact on the timetable is a contravention of paragraph 3 of Condition 8 of Railtrack's Network Licence.
3. However, I note the circumstances described in your letter, the adverse impact on some passengers and the West Coast Route Modernisation programme if the necessary timetable changes do not take place over the next three months leading up to Christmas.
4. I am also satisfied that under section 55(5)(a) of the Railways Act 1993 the Regulator's section 4 duties would preclude the making of a provisional or final enforcement order, and accordingly, you should treat this letter as a notice for the purposes of section 55(6) of the Railways Act 1993. A copy of this letter will be placed on the public register.

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5. I am concerned, however, that this is not the first time that Railtrack has requested a derogation from T-12 Compliance in connection with works at Euston (the other being in May for a short notice suspension of DC Lines services between Kilburn High Road and Euston). I would therefore be grateful if you could

- a) explain what steps Railtrack is taking to ensure that there will be no further requirement to breach T-12;
- b) confirm whether or not it is Railtrack's intention to have one set of amended timings, advertising early where necessary, to minimise weekly changes; and
- c) confirm that the further requirement for "a three week, two track possession at Camden next summer, to install four main to main crossovers" will be compliant with the T-12 Licence obligations.

6. I look forward to hearing from you by **Wednesday 4 October**.

7. A copy of this letter goes to Richard Fearn, Zone Director at Railtrack Midlands, Phil White at Virgin Trains, John Ratcliffe at Silverlink Trains, John Conway, Head of Operational Planning at Railtrack HQ, John Smith, Head of Regulatory Affairs at Railtrack HQ and to colleagues here.

Yours Sincerely,

**MICHAEL BESWICK**